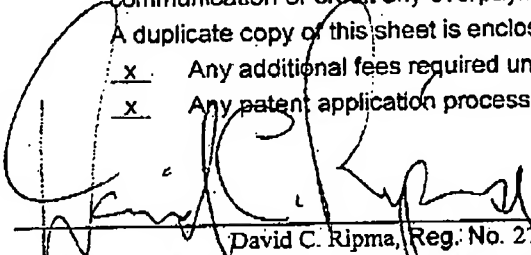
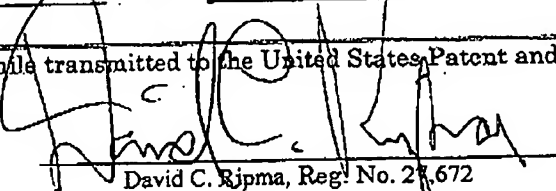


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In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2004, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

**Amendment to the Specification** None

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Drawings** None

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